

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A system and method for redundantly storing documents, specifically medical records, both on a local computer and on a remote server. A copy of patient data is stored remotely in the event of system problems, and to allow access to patient data from multiple sites. Data is stored on the local computer to speed retrieval of the data at a later date. When data stored on the local computer is newer or the same age as data stored on the remote server, the data is not downloaded from the remote server. If the local data is older than the data on the remote server, the data is downloaded from the remote server. Data may be displayed and organized utilizing a customizable, hierarchical “tree view.” Data may include image files, text files, and information about the files, such as the patient with whom they are associated, the time they were entered into the system, the time of the patient’s next appointment, and the like. The client software portion of the present invention may update automatically, or as a result of user interaction. News and other information of interest may be automatically displayed to a user through a connection to the Internet, or through integration with Email, accounting, scheduling, or other systems.